

REMARKS

In the July 9, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 1-2, 4-6, 9-9, 11, 18-24, 26, and 29 due to various informalities, rejected claims 1-29 as anticipated by Setogawa in US Patent No. 6,469,718. In response thereto, the Applicant has cancelled claim 29. Claims 1-28 remain at issue.

The Examiner objected to claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-9, 18-24, and 26 because they do not recite the language "the steps of" before comprising. The Applicant disagrees with this objection. There is no requirement that states that a method type claim must recite each element as a series of "steps". On the contrary, 35 USC 112, 6th paragraph states that an element in a claim for a combination "may" be expressed as a means or step for performing a specified function. In this case, claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-9, 18-24, and 26 are not intended to be 35 USC 112, 6th paragraph type claims. The Applicant therefore submits that the Examiner's objection is improper and be withdrawn.

Claim 29 has been cancelled. The Examiner's objection to this claim is therefore no longer applicable.

The Setogawa patent is directed to a menu control system for a DVD player. Setogawa, however, does not teach an apparatus or method for receiving a plurality of presentations of a video, displaying at least a portion of the presentations, and then permitting the user to select a desired presentation for display. On the contrary, Setogawa simply teaches the reading of a data stream of a DVD that contains only a single presentation of the video to be displayed.

Setogawa describes in detail the data structure for creating menus for the user. Menu content on a DVD is stored on the storage medium in a plurality of Video Objects (VOBs). Each VOB is made of a series of multiplexed video and audio data. Each VOB includes an ID number, and a plurality of cells. Each cell has a cell ID number and is used to designate some meaningful

content in the VOB, such as the chapters in a movie, the pages of a menu, etc. Setogawa specifically teaches that the VOBs are read from the disk serially. Specifically, in Column 7, lines 1-9, Setogawa teaches:

According to the DVD format, a unit in which a menu or a title is replayed is represented by replay control data called program chain (PGC). As shown in FIG. 8, a PGC 70 is made up of a pre-command (PRE CMD) 64, a VOB identifier (VOB ID) 65 and a post-command (POST CMD) 66. The VOB ID 65 is made up of a combination of the VOB ID number described above and the initial address on the disk where the corresponding VOB is recorded. **A plurality of VOB IDs 65 may be provided in sequence. (emphasis added)**

Setagawa describes how video data is read from a DVD disk. As illustrated in Figure 13, a pick-up (103) reads a reply stream (127) from the disk (101). The reply stream (127) includes a navigation pack (NAVI), a video signal (V), and audio signal (A) and a subpicture signal (SP) multiplexed in sequence. See column 16, lines 19-22. Two demultiplexors (108) and (113) then demultiplex the reply stream into a navigation stream (106), a subpicture signal stream (110), a video stream (111), and an audio stream (112), respectfully. Specifically, column 15, lines 27-42 of Setagawa states:

The DVD player further comprises: a demultiplexer (2) 113 for dividing the presentation data 107 from the demultiplexer (1) 108 into a coded subpicture signal (shown as SP) 110, a coded video signal (shown as V) 111 and coded audio data (shown as A) 112; a subpicture decoder 114 for decoding the subpicture signal 110 from the demultiplexer (2) 113; a video decoder 115 for decoding the video signal 111 from the demultiplexer (2) 113; an audio decoder 116 for decoding the audio signal 112 from the demultiplexer (2) 113 and outputting an audio output signal 117; a display memory 118 for storing the decoded subpicture signal from the subpicture decoder 114 and generating a subpicture; a display memory 119 for storing the decoded video signal from the video decoder 115 and generating a moving picture; and an adder 121 for adding output signals of the display memories 118 and 119 and outputting a video output signal 120.


Setogawa therefore does not teach or suggest the receiving a plurality of presentations of a video, displaying at least a portion of the presentations, and then permitting the user to select a desired presentation for display as recited in claim 1. The applicant therefore submits that claim 1

is therefore allowable. Although allowable on the merits in their own right, claims 2-9 are allowable based on their dependency on claim 1.

Claims 10 through 28 are also allowable for essentially the same reasons as discussed above.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are allowable. Should the Examiner believe that a further telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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